

Old issues, stale complaints

It is unfortunate that the rants over old issues overshadow what is important today. Both the park trail and Mr. Kasun's unfortunate circumstances have been discussed at many Town Board meetings, meetings at which Mrs. Hampel and Mr. Stoesser rarely attended prior to Stoesser's election to the Town Board. Mrs. Hampel reports in last week's newspaper that there is "a misconception that only two families sued the town." She further states, "Other homeowners did not have the financial resources to join them."

The simple reality is, there were only two homeowners that filed a suit. The other homeowners who shared joint interest in the park trail disagreed with their position and supported the Town Board throughout many public Town Board meetings.

Hampel further states that the two homeowners signed the settlement agreement to avoid legal fees beyond

\$10,000. She wrote that their attorney added a property condemnation option into the settlement because he claimed, "the town would not pursue this route." The town board did not seek condemnation to be included as part of the settlement, but considered the offer by Hampel's attorney as a last resort to resolve the dispute among neighbors. The option for condemnation never materialized.

In the same issue, Mr. Stoesser writes, "It's my understanding the Beulah Lake subdivision families spent almost \$100,000 in the past 12 years defending themselves against the town and eminent domain." This contradicts Hampel's statement of \$10,000.

Furthermore, the lawsuit began around 2003 and ended in 2005, certainly much shorter than Mr. Stoesser's misunderstanding of a 12-year ordeal.

*Clayton Montez, MA
Town of East Troy Supervisor*

The last word

In the last edition of the Times, Kim Hampel and John Stoesser continued the campaign of old news, lies, and false statements. They want facts, but they can't handle the facts. In regards to Ms. Hampel's letter:

- Town wide survey – in fact was sent to every household in the town.
- Only two families brought legal action – that's a fact.
- Support came from subdivision across CTH J – support was on both sides of CTH J.
- Note on Plat says Homeowner's Association? – Check the plat hanging in the board room – in fact it says utility and public recreation easement.
- I don't think the current supervisors forgot about the Trail Referendum – fact, they voted to have a referendum.

• Fact – Kim Hampel's letter says \$10,000 was spent on legal fees and John's says \$100,000.

In regards to Mr. Stoesser's letter:

- Free legal assistance? I'm quite sure we pay our town attorney.
- The Town disposed of Mr. Kasun? Fact is, this was a Zoning Enforcement issue and the Town is under County Zoning – end of story.
- As the record shows, I stated that the Park Trail's fate was to be determined by the electors, not the Town Board. Supervisors Klarkowski and Montez voted to have a referendum, Mr. Stoesser voted against it.

These are overwhelming facts on the record.

Joseph Klarkowski
Town of East Troy Supervisor